



## Frederick County Commission For Women

Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street

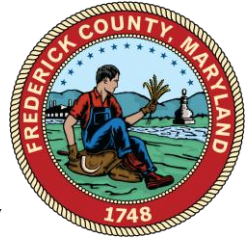
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### Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014

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**Commissioners Present:** Christine Ferguson, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Diana Halleman, Chloe Scott, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Veralynn Morris, Marcela Perez, Sharon Dobson, Valerie Dougherty, Annie Jones, and Susan Mender.

**Absent Commissioners:** Cynthia Miller, Shellome Walters, Ashley Collier

**Guests Present:** Ronnie Osterman, Katie Nash, Tish Honse, Silvia Muñoz, Terry Smith, Rosario Campos

#### I. President's Report and Announcements

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present. The October 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved. Commission President Ferguson and Commissioners Halleman, Nusum-Smith, Hernandez-Smith, and Scott abstained.
- b. Commissioners and Guests introduced themselves.
- c. **Commissioner Halleman introduced guest speaker Katie Nash, Executive Director, CALM**
  - Ms. Nash gave an overview of the services provided by CALM:
    - They are located on the campus of Frederick Community College but are a separate 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.
    - They receive public funding and provide free serves to any county resident or business, regardless of income
    - CALM is a conflict resolution center with a team of volunteer mediators
    - Volunteers receive free training (valued at \$1200)
- d. **Calendar of Events** – Commissioner Perez reviewed the calendar of events (see November/December calendar). Discussion included:
  - Human Trafficking – The human trafficking committee will have follow-up meeting at President Ferguson's home. Hood College would like to host a human trafficking symposium in January. Frederick Community College also expressed interest in holding an even in January. For more information, contact Commissioner Collier.

#### II. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Marcela Perez

- a. There are no outstanding invoices. President Ferguson reported the invoice for the marketing booth is forthcoming.

#### III. Old Business

- a. Human Trafficking Seminar – The event received a lot of press. Town Courier did post-event interview. FCCFW will maintain involvement in human trafficking but may not serve as the lead.
- b. Woman to Woman Program (W2WM) Donor Appreciation event – Volunteer Tish Honse reported on the event. Her W2WM mentee, Christine, introduced herself.
- c. Maryland Commission for Woman Roundtable Conference – President Ferguson reported that she received an invite too late to attend but provided a

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written report. The Maryland Commission indicated FCCFW is one of the most active commissions and is particular interested in human trafficking.

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### IV. New Business

- a. Youth Resource Guide – The commission received a request to share an invite for inclusion in the guide is forwarded to nonprofit and service provider partners. President Ferguson will forward invite to commissioners and volunteers. Commission Nusum-Smith will add a link to the guide to the Facebook page.
- b. December Meeting – There will be no guest speaker at the December meeting. The meeting will include a potluck holiday party. Everyone should email Commissioner Halleman with what they are bringing. She'll compile the list.

### V. Committee Reports

- a. **Legislative** – Commissioner Morris reported on the Candidate Meet and Greet; all candidates attended. There was discussion of attendee feedback. Participants appreciated the opportunity to talk one-on-one with candidates. The event competed with larger events. There were numerous events. There was discussion following Volunteer Terry Smith's suggestion to partner with a larger event.
- b. **Marketing** – President Ferguson reported the new marketing booth should be in within two weeks. A group picture will be taken at the December meeting to be displayed on the booth. There is the possibility of having two duplicate booths. The subject will be tabled until the new booth comes in. Commissioner Nusum-Smith will contact Corporate Exposure to request a quote for a custom table skirt.
- c. **Outreach** – Commissioner Hernandez-Smith thanked the Commissioners and volunteers who participated in recent events. Volunteer Silvia Muñoz reported on Centro Hispano's December 13<sup>th</sup> holiday party. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped gift. Commissioner Halleman reported the Literacy Council is holding a book drive to support Head Start. Everyone is asked to bring a book for a 3 to 4 year old.
- d. **Recruiting/Volunteer** – Commissioner Mender provided an update. Rosario Campos was unanimously elected Commissioner during a closed session at the October meeting. Commissioner Jones reported on intern recruitment efforts. A young woman applied but has already graduated. Commissioner Jones is working on getting FCCFW approved as a Community Scholars Program site. Through the federal program, interns are paid by the college.

**VI. Meeting Announcement** – The public meeting was officially closed at 8:28 and the Commissioners went into private session.

**VII. Closed Session:** The Commissioners went into closed session to discuss recruitment and election processes.

**VIII. Adjournment.** Commissioner Dobson moved and Commissioner Collier seconded that the meeting would adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

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